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March 19, 2001

The Honorable Greg Ganske  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Dr. Ganske:

I am writing to you in my capacity as the President of American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, a nonprofit, member organization meeting the educational and scientific needs of nearly 2,300 physicians, researchers and scientists worldwide.

At a recent meeting of the Governing Board of the AASLD, we reviewed and concurred in the recommendation of our Public Policy Committee to endorse your legislation, HR 526, to create a Patients' Bill of Rights. We believe that you have taken an important step with the introduction of this legislation and are pleased to support its enactment.

The AASLD stands ready to assist in the passage of this legislation. If there is any way in which our organization can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me through our Association headquarters, or our government relations consultant, Lyle Dennis of Cavarocchi-Ruscio-Dennis Associates at 202-546-4732.

Thank you for your leadership in this important issue.

Sincerely,

Eugene R. Schiff, MD  
President